

**BOARD OF LICENSED SOCIAL
WORKERS MEETING MINUTES
March 31st, 2023**

The Board of Licensed Social Workers met on March 31st, 2023, at the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, 101 N.E. 51st St., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The meeting was held in accordance with the Open Meeting Act of Oklahoma.

Members Present:

Beverly Coon, LMSW, LCSW – Board Chair
Sharolyn Wallace, Ph.D., LCSW, Vice-Chair
Angela Dickson, LCSW, Secretary
Stacey Blaylock, LCSW
Clark Grothe, LCSW

Members Absent:

Joel Harder, Ph.D., LMSW
Public Member, Vacant

Also Present:

Karl Kramer, Assistant Attorney General
James Marks, Executive Director
Jinna Dreessen, Administrative Assistant

Agenda Item 1. Roll Call:

Meeting called to order at 10:03am. A quorum was met with five board members being present to facilitate and conduct the business of the agency.

Agenda Item 2. Review and possible amendment and/or approval of meeting minutes for the following meetings: January 21st, 2022.

Mr. Grothe made the motion to approve the minutes for the meeting held September 23rd, 2022. Seconded by Dr. Wallace. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 3. Financial report from the Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) by Lisa Kelly.

Ms. Kelly appeared on behalf of the Office of Management of Enterprise Services (OMES) to present the financial report. No Action.

Agenda Item 4. Discussion and Possible Action: Appearance by Jonathan Kratz on behalf of Dr. Julie Miller-Cribbs requesting consideration of eliminating exam requirements for the LMSW and LSWA license.

Mr. Kratz read a prepared statement on behalf of OU School of Social Work requesting consideration by the Board of Directors to eliminate exam requirements for the LMSW and LSWA licensure. No action taken by the Board.

Agenda Item 5. Discussion and Possible Action: Discussion and Possible Action: Personal Appearance by Samantha Nguyen requesting approval of her application for the LMSW

Provisional License including possible executive session pursuant to. The Board may also conduct an executive session pursuant to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S. § 307(B)(7), to receive information from the Respondent and Board staff for the limited purpose of discussing matters where disclosure of information would violate confidentiality requirements of state or federal law.

Dr. Wallace made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss matters where disclosure of information would violate confidentiality requirements of state or federal law as authorized by 25 O.S. § 307(B)(7). Seconded by Ms. Blaylock. Vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Executive Session began at 10:15am. Ms. Blaylock made a motion to exit Executive Session. Seconded by Dr. Wallace. Vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Executive Session ended at 10:37am.

Ms. Blaylock made a motion to deny the application request submitted by Ms. Nguyen. Seconded by Dr. Wallace. Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Agenda Item 6 (A). Discussion and possible action on the following citizen complaints filed against social workers:

- (i) *Complaint 2022-15, Individual proceeding - State of Oklahoma, ex rel., State Board of Licensed Social Workers vs. Ashley Neal, LMSW. The Board may conduct an executive session pursuant to Article II of the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act, 75 O.S. § 309(D), and the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S. § 307(B)(8). The Board may also conduct an executive session pursuant to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S. § 307(B)(7), to receive information from the Respondent and Board staff for the limited purpose of discussing matters where disclosure of information would violate confidentiality requirements of state or federal law.**

Mr. Grothe made the motion to accept the recommendation of the Complaint Committee and approved a Consent Decree in which Respondent agrees to surrender Respondent's license to practice as a Licensed Masters Social Worker (LMSW) for three (3) years. The Respondent may not re-apply for any license issued by the Oklahoma State Board of Licensed Social Workers until April 1, 2026, and may not use the credentials LMSW. This action, including Respondent's surrender of Respondent's LMSW license, becomes effective March 31st, 2023 and is in compliance with the Board's authority and mission to protect the public health, safety and welfare. Seconded by Dr. Wallace. Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

- (ii) *Complaint 2023-052, Individual proceeding - State of Oklahoma, ex rel., State Board of Licensed Social Workers vs. Rebecca Gasparotto, LMSW. The Board may conduct an executive session pursuant to Article II of the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act, 75 O.S. § 309(D), and the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S. § 307(B)(8). The Board may also conduct an executive session pursuant to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S. § 307(B)(7), to receive information from the Respondent and Board staff for the limited purpose of discussing matters where disclosure of information would violate confidentiality requirements of state or federal law.**

Board member Grothe recused himself and exited the meeting room. Dr. Wallace made the motion to accept the recommendation of the Complaint Committee and approved a Consent

Decree in which Respondent agrees to surrender Respondent's license to practice as a Licensed Masters Social Worker (LMSW) for two (2) years. The Respondent may not re-apply for any license issued by the Oklahoma State Board of Licensed Social Workers until April 1, 2025, and may not use the credentials LMSW. This action, including Respondent's surrender of Respondent's LMSW license, becomes effective March 31st, 2023 and is in compliance with the Board's authority and mission to protect the public health, safety and welfare. Seconded by Ms. Dickson. Vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Mr. Grothe re-joined the meeting.

(iii) Discussion and Possible Action: Complaint 2022-19

Dr. Wallace made the motion to dismiss complaint 2022-19. Seconded by Ms. Dickson. Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Agenda Item 6 (B). Mr. Kramer presented the Complaint Log to the Board.

Ms. Dickson made a motion to accept Mr. Kramer's presentation of the complaint log. Seconded by Ms. Blaylock. Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Agenda Item 7. Approval of online application submission reviewed and vetted by board staff.

Ms. Blaylock made the motion to approve the applications noted on the agenda that were reviewed and vetted by Board Staff, excluding the applicant noted under Agenda Item 5. Seconded by Ms. Dickson. Vote was unanimous on the affirmative.

Agenda Item 8. Mr. Marks presented the Executive Director's report. The report included the following:

- SB 152 – FTE Increase – Has stalled in the Senate.
- Health Information Exchange – Marks provided copies of HIE information to Board members and asked them to review and email comments/concerns.
- ASWB Meeting April 20th – 22nd

Agenda Item 9. New Business

None

Agenda Item 10. Adjournment 12:00pm